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SUBJECT: SPINY LOBSTER, CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

1. THE PRIME MINISTER RETURNED MY CALL OF YESTERDAY. HE INDICATED THAT GCOB WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER QUESTION OF MORATORIUM OUTSIDE THE CONTEXT OF AUGUST 13 TALKS.

2. THE NASSAU EVENING NEWSPAPER, THE TRIBUNE, AUGUST 5, HEADLINED, "ILA ABOUT FACE ON BOYCOTT CALL". STORY LARGELY DEVOTED TO ILA OPEN LETTER TO THE GOVERNMENT AND REPORTS MINEXTAFF ADDERLEY AS REJECTING ANY NOTION OF BEING RESPONSIVE TO ILA PLEAS. ADDERLEY ALSO NOTES THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO DEAL WITH UNION GIVEN UPCOMING GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT TALKS.

3. THIS MORNING'S NASSAU GUARDIAN HEADLINES, "LOBSTER ISSUE: GOVERNMENT REJECTS PLEA BY ILA". THIS STORY, QUOTING AN UNNAMED GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN (PRESUMABLY ADDERLEY) STATES THAT IF LONGSHOREMEN WISH TO HAVE THEIR OPINIONS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, THEY SHOULD SEEK TO HAVE THEM INCLUDED IN AUGUST 13 NEGOTIATION. IT, LIKE TRIBUNE ARTICLE OF PREVIOUS NIGHT, REPORTS GOVERNMENT INSISTENCE ON RECIPROCITY
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AND ON EXCLUSION OF CUBANS FROM ANY AGREEMENT.

4. WEEKLY EDITORIAL IN NASSAU GUARDIAN BY MR. NORMAN SOLOMON, WHO USUALLY SERVES AS CHIEF SPOKESMAN FOR FNM OPPOSITION IN PARLIAMENT, IS HEADLINED "TO QUOTE US HISTORY: DON'T TREAD ON ME." SOLOMON'S ARTICLE DESCRIBES BAHAMIAN LAW AS ENTIRELY JUSTIFIED AS MEANS FOR PROTECTING LOBSTER RESOURCES AND CITES IT AS SIMILAR TO US LEGISLATION. SOLOMON, NORMALLY THE MOST VOCAL FNM CRITIC OF GOVERNMENT, CONGRATULATES PRIME MINISTER PINDLING FOR HIS STAND AND OFFERS HIS SERVICES IN SUPPORT THEREOF. COMMENT: SOLOMON'S ARTICLE IS NOT SURPRISING. EMBASSY HAS CONSISTENTLY REPORTED THAT THE LOBSTER ISSUE IS ONE OF THE VERY FEW ON WHICH ALL POLITICAL PARTIES ARE UNITED. WEISS

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